

COMMENCEMENT BAY NRDA RESTORATION

Fact Sheet MWW-1

Waterway-Wide Vision

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CB/NRDA TRUSTEE OVERVIEW VISION FOR THE MIDDLE WATERWAY

Trustee Vision for Commencement Baywide Restoration:

The Trustees' vision focuses on restoring the various habitat components of the Commencement Bay ecosystem, such as vegetated shallows, mudflats/salt marshes, off-channel sloughs and lagoons, tidal creeks, freshwater marshes, adjacent well-stratified upland buffers, and naturalized creek and river channels and corridors. The vision places emphasis on baywide restoration through an ecosystem or landscape approach rather than creating isolated fragments of habitats. Each element is intended to function in concert with other elements.

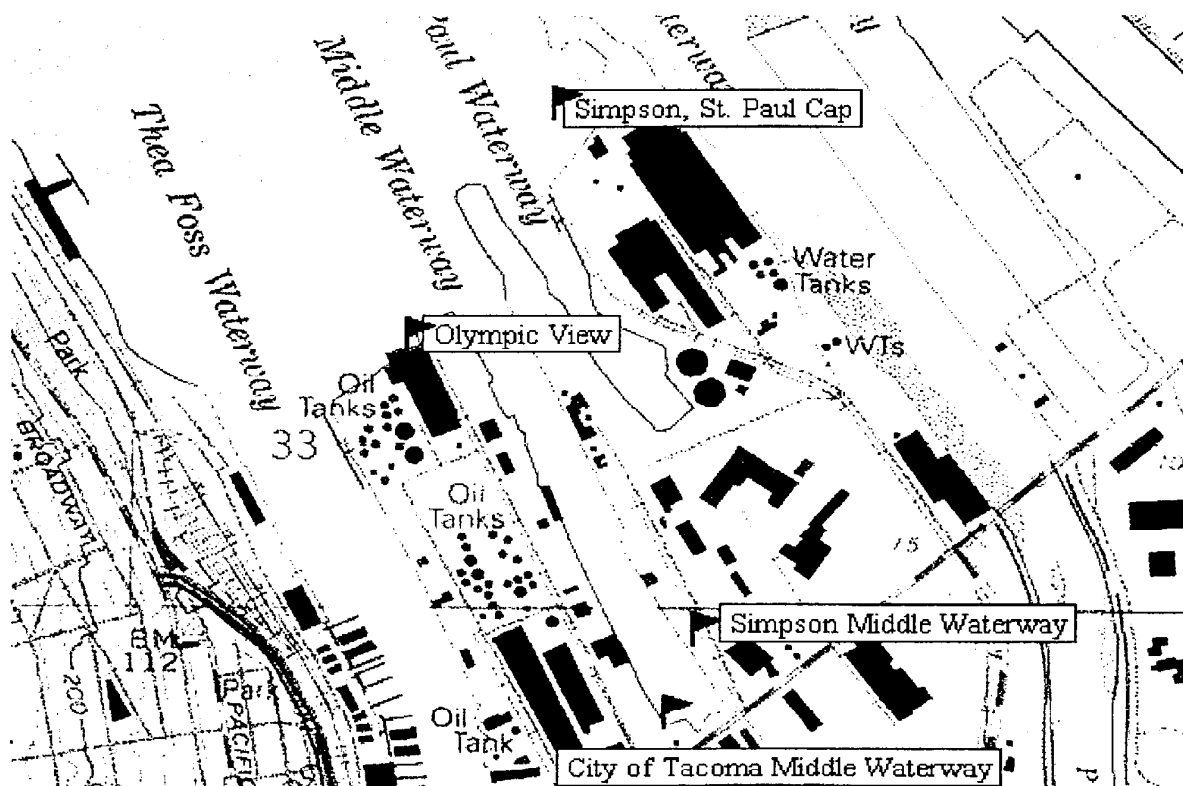
MIDDLE WATERWAY-WIDE GOAL:

Maintain and increase the amount of intertidal marsh and mudflat habitats and their functions throughout the Middle Waterway and its approaches.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Protect, in perpetuity, the habitat functions of the City and Trustee Olympic View, City Of Tacoma Middle Waterway, Simpson Tacoma Kraft Middle Waterway Shore, and St. Paul sediment cap habitat restoration projects.
2. Provide an unobstructed corridor of water parallel to the shoreline and encompassing a width that reaches from the upper intertidal to at least - 10 feet (MLLW) for migratory salmonid fish passage.
3. Provide intertidal habitat suitable for resident (bait) fish spawning.
4. Provide additional intertidal marsh habitat.

LOCATION OF RESTORATION PROJECTS IN MIDDLE WATERWAY:



ONGOING TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

1. Provide expertise to U.S. EPA and the Washington State Department of Ecology (WDOE) for the design, selection, and implementation of Superfund cleanup criteria and the activities at the entrance to the Waterway and on the non-navigable (tideflat) portions of the waterway.
2. Evaluate proposed habitat mitigation projects contemplated by U.S. EPA and Washington Department of Ecology remedial activities which could potentially impact the waterway and its approaches.

How can the public stay informed and be involved?

Public participation is an important component of restoration planning by helping the Trustees select and shape restoration projects. You are encouraged to become involved in the restoration planning process because the natural resources in Commencement Bay are your resources. The CB/NRDA Trustees hold quarterly public meetings. If you have questions or would like to be on a mailing list to receive notice of opportunities to participate please contact:

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Public notices and meetings will also be announced at <http://www.darcnw.noaa.gov/cb.htm>.
